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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, MTN, RP  
SUBJECT: MTN: AGRICULTURAL ITEMS, U.S. MTN REQUEST LIST

1. EMBASSY HAS TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WITH SOME AGRICULTURAL  
ITEMS ON U.S. "REQUEST" LIST Tabled MARCH 1976 DURING  
ECONOMIC BILATERALS: MOST U.S. SOYBEAN PRODUCTS ENTER  
PHILIPPINES UNDER TARIFF NUMBER 19.02 (FOR EXAMPLE:  
TEXTURE VEGETABLE PROTEIN, SOY PASTE, BEAN CURD, ETC.)  
NOT TARIFF NUMBER 21.07 WHICH, ON OUR 1976 LIST, HAS  
A COMMODITY DESCRIPTION OF "SOY PROTEIN PRODUCTS".  
NUMBER 21.07 IS DESCRIBED IN PHILIPPINE NOMENCLATURE  
AS "FOOD PREPARATIONS NES," AND DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AN  
IMPORTANT TRADE ITEM FOR U.S.

2. NUMBER 19.02 IS ON U.S. REQUEST LIST IDENTIFIED  
AS "FLOUR OF WHEAT AND SPELT ..." FLOUR OF WHEAT AND  
SPELT WOULD BE IMPORTED INTO THE PHILIPPINES  
UNDER NUMBER 11.01 AND AGATT BELIEVES THAT IF LOCAL  
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CONSUMPTION OF THIS ITEM BECAME IMPORTANT, LOCAL FLOUR  
MILLERS WOULD IMPORT NECESSARY GRAINS AND PRODUCE THE  
FLOUR LOCALLY.

3. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT NUMBER 2.02, "DEAD POULTRY" BE  
AN "EX OUT" COVERING ONLY TURKEY (WHICH WE BELIEVE IS OUR  
MAIN INTEREST) AND DUCK BUT EXCLUDING CHICKEN WHERE

PHILIPPINES IS SELF-SUFFICIENT. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD ALLOW OUR NEEDS TO BE MET AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR PHILIPPINES TO GRANT CONCESSIONS.

4. ON TARIFF ITEM NUMBER 24.01B, THERE IS, AS LIST SPECIFIES, A TARIFF OF 100 PERCENT ON THE BOOKS, BUT GOP ONLY COLLECTS 14 PESOS PER KILO (ABOUT 1.92 DOLLARS) PER POUND REGARDLESS OF THE PRICE. THE MIXING REGULATIONS, WHICH WE LIST AS NTM, DO EXIST BUT ARE NOT REPEAT NOT ENFORCED. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS WE MAINTAIN REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF MIXING REGULATIONS AND ASK FOR BINDING OF 14 PESO PER KILO DUTY, E.G. BINDING OF DE FACTO STATUS QUO.

5. ALSO, DUTY ON COTTONSEED OIL (15.07B) IS 50 PERCENT NOT REPEAT NOT 20 PERCENT AS LISTED. DUTY ON SOYBEAN OIL (WHICH HAS SAME TARIFF NUMBER) IS, HOWEVER, STILL 20 PERCENT ACCORDING TO PHILIPPINE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ALTHOUGH TARIFF LISTING WE HAVE STILL CITES DUTY AS 50 PERCENT. EMBASSY WILL REVERIFY THESE RATES AND REPORT IF WE DISCOVER ANY DISCREPANCIES WITH ABOVE INFORMATION. TOUSSAINT

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